GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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EXTINCTION OF TREES SPECIES IN THE NORTH EAST
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that important species of trees are on the verge of extinction in Arunachal and Nagaland;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to save and protect the said species?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. The Botanical Survey of India, Kolkata has listed the endangered and threatened plant species of the country in the RED DATA BOOK Volume1-3, published by them. Several endangered tree species of Arunachal and Nagaland are included in the list.

(c) Steps have been taken by the Government of India for in-situ and ex-situ conservation of rare, endangered and threatened plants. Multiplication and introduction of these species are going on in the experimental gardens of different institutes, universities and the Botanical Survey of India. Government of India has a project on Assistance to Botanic Gardens for this purpose only. Central assistance will also be provided to all the States under the 'Integrated Forest Protection Scheme' during the tenth five year plan for strengthening of forestry infrastructure for forest protection.